

PRATT ANNOUNCES ReIGNITE! 2009

ANNUAL REUNION TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 25-27

PRATT TO PRESENT "ReDEFINING THE GOOD LIFE" SYMPOSIUM ON SEPTEMBER 26

TRUSTEE KURT ANDERSEN TO DELIVER KEYNOTE ADDRESS

This fall, the Office of Alumni Relations presents a symposium for students, alumni, faculty, and friends on redefining the good life in conjunction with Pratt's 2009 alumni reunion weekend. This symposium will bring together world-class social innovators to discuss the meaning of creative value in the 21st century. It will take place from 2-5:30 PM on September 26.

The afternoon will begin with a keynote address by Pratt Trustee Kurt Andersen, the critically acclaimed novelist, host of the public radio show *Studio 360*, and author of the new book *Reset: How This Crisis Can Restore Our Values and Renew America*.

His lecture will be followed by talks from compelling thought leaders including director of video field production for Barack Obama, Arun Chaudhary; prolific designer Karim Rashid; nationally recognized installation artist Jean Shin; contemporary artist Mary Temple; world-famous architect Carlos Zapata; and expert in global foresight and innovation, Andrew Zolli.

A book signing with Andersen will follow the symposium in Memorial Hall on Pratt's Brooklyn campus. The event is free and open to the public; however, tickets are required due to limited seating. To RSVP, please contact Alumni Relations at alumni@pratt.edu.



Kurt Andersen

SUSAN JOHANN

"ReDEFINING THE GOOD LIFE" SPEAKERS

ARUN CHAUDHARY is a filmmaker working in politics, who has set a new standard in documenting history. A key member of Barack Obama's New Media team during the presidential campaign and transition period, Chaudhary now serves as the official White House videographer. His work defines him as a new type of political auteur, with a unique style that challenges convention.

KARIM RASHID is one of the most prolific industrial designers of his generation, with more than 3,000 designs in production, more than 300 awards, and his work in over 35 countries. Rashid cross-pollinates materials, behaviors, and aesthetics from one typology to the next, crossing boundaries and broadening consumer horizons.

JEAN SHIN is a Pratt alumna and adjunct professor nationally recognized for her monumental installations that transform castoff materials into elegant expressions of identity and community. She has had solo exhibitions at the Smithsonian American Art Museum in Washington, D.C. (2009) and the Fabric Workshop and Museum in Philadelphia (2006).

MARY TEMPLE is a visual artist in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, who uses latex paint to create what appear to be shadows on architecture. She has had solo exhibitions and site-specific commissioned works at the Museum of Arts and Design (2009), Brooklyn Museum (2009), Aldrich Museum (2006), and Smack Mellon (2006), among others.

CARLOS ZAPATA is a New York-based architectural designer and Pratt alumnus who has turned out projects under the radar, quietly impacting major cities around the world. From furniture to architecture projects, from Las Vegas to Vietnam, Carlos Zapata Studio experiments with building in a way few designers dare to do.

ANDREW ZOLLI is an expert in global foresight and innovation, who studies the complex trends at the intersection of technology, sustainability, and global society that are shaping our future. He is also the curator and executive director of PopTech, a renowned thought leadership forum and social innovation network based in Brooklyn.



Arun Chaudhary with President Obama



Karim Rashid

RomanLeo



Jean Shin



Mary Temple

PAUL TEMPLE



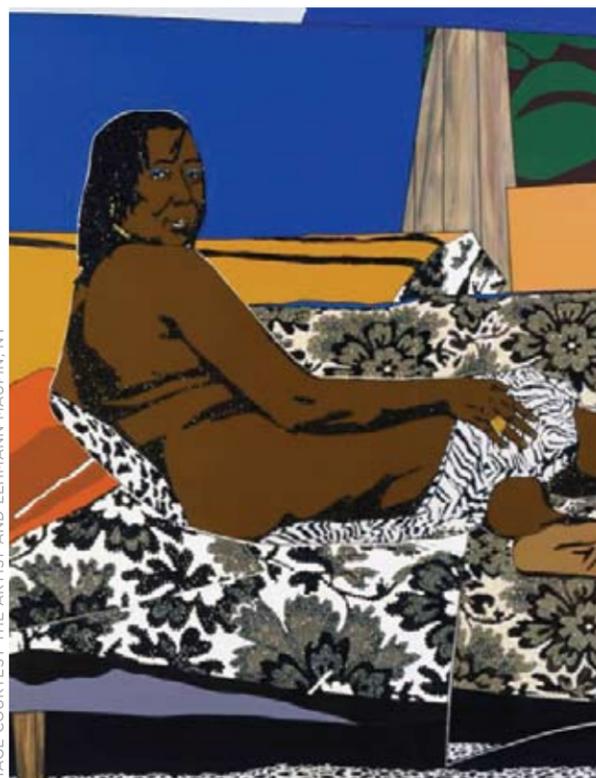
Carlos Zapata



Andrew Zolli

MARSHALL WILLIAMS

ReIGNITE! GALLERY EVENTS



Mickalene Thomas, *Mama Bush: One of a Kind Two*, 2009, rhinestone, acrylic, and enamel on panel, 108x144x2 inches.

STEBEN WEST GALLERY

Steuben Hall

Reception: September 26, 6-8 PM

Gallery Hours: Monday-Friday, 10 AM-5 PM

Saturday: 11 AM-6 PM

MICKALENE THOMAS B.F.A.'00

SEPTEMBER 21-26, 2009

Thomas, a 2009 Alumni Achievement Award winner, bases her work on her long study of art history and the classical genres of portraiture, landscape, and still life. Her paintings are held in the collections of the Whitney Museum of American Art, the Studio Museum in Harlem, the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, the National Portrait Gallery in Washington D.C., and the Art Institute of Chicago, among others.

STEBEN SOUTH GALLERY

Steuben Hall

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Saturday: 11 AM-6 PM

REUNION: WORK BY PRATT ALUMNI

SEPTEMBER 21-26, 2009

Curated by Joe Fyfe, this exhibition features work by alumni celebrating reunion whose graduation year ends in 4 or 9. To submit work for consideration, please contact Leonardo Gomez at lgomez@pratt.edu. Submission deadline: September 7



Family Waiting by Boris Klapwald

IMAGE COURTESY THE ARTIST AND LEHMANN MAUPIN, NY

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DEMONSTRATION: NA OK WOO CONFERENCE ROOM SATURDAY, SEPT. 26, 11 AM-12 PM

Faculty from the School of Architecture will lead a demonstration on the features of the Na Ok Woo Conference room, the Institute's new technology-enhanced facility. Pratt Trustee and alumnus **YOUNG WOO**, B. Arch. '80, made a generous gift in memory of his late sister to name the recently opened space. Seats are limited; early registration is required.



Na Ok Woo Conference Room interior

DRAWING CLASS SATURDAY, SEPT. 26, 2-5 PM

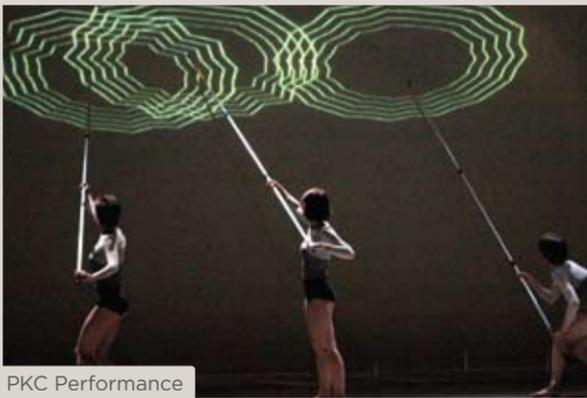
Alumni are invited to return to the classroom to join Pratt faculty member and alumnus **DAVID GOTHARD**, B.F.A. '78, who will lead a three-hour figure drawing class in the Main Building. Sign-ups are required.



Figure drawing class

MULTIMEDIA DANCE PERFORMANCE BY PKC

Alumni attending the symposium, "Redefining the Good Life," can look forward to a multimedia performance by Brooklyn-based dance company PKC.



PKC Performance

NEIGHBORHOOD WALKING TOUR

SATURDAY, SEPT. 26, 10:45 AM-12 PM

Pratt alumni and longtime Fort Greene residents **TED** and **BETSY LEWIN**, Graphic Design '56 and Painting '59, respectively, will lead a walking tour of the Clinton Hill and Fort Greene neighborhoods.

SCULPTURE PARK TOUR SATURDAY, SEPT. 26, 5:30-6:30 PM

Join Sculpture Park Curator David Weinrib on a tour of Pratt's Sculpture Park. The largest in New York City, it stretches across the 25-acre Brooklyn campus and includes 50 sculptures. Weinrib says, "I liken the Sculpture Park to a symphony; our challenge is to bring all of the parts into harmony."

ALL ALUMNI ARE ENCOURAGED TO RETURN TO PRATT FOR THE REUNION EVENT, ReIGNITE! 2009

Pre-registration is required. An invitation will be mailed at the end of August.

As part of ReIGNITE! 2009, alumni are invited to the symposium, "Redefining the Good Life." Here is a preview of other scheduled events.

NU HOTEL Pratt Institute is pleased to offer discounted rates for alumni and parents staying at the Nu Hotel. For the rate code, please contact Alumni Relations at 718-399-4447.

Nu Hotel
85 Smith Street
Brooklyn, NY 11201
www.nuhotelbrooklyn.com

To register or for more information, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 718-399-4447 or alumni@pratt.edu.

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THE 22ND ANNUAL PRATT INSTITUTE NASSER SHARIFY LECTURE

FRIDAY, SEPT. 25, 6-8 PM

The School of Information and Library Science will welcome James G. Neal as the guest speaker for the 22nd Annual Pratt Institute Nasser Sharify Lecture. This annual lecture-celebration, which honors Dr. Nasser Sharify, dean emeritus of Pratt-SILS, will take place on Friday, September 25 from 6-8 PM at Pratt Manhattan. Neal, vice president for information ser-

vices and university librarian at Columbia University, will deliver an address on "Primal Innovation and Radical Collaboration: Deconstructing the Academic Research Library for Future Survival." His remarks will be followed by a wine and cheese reception. To RSVP or for more information, call the School of Information and Library Science at 212-647-7682.



James G. Neal

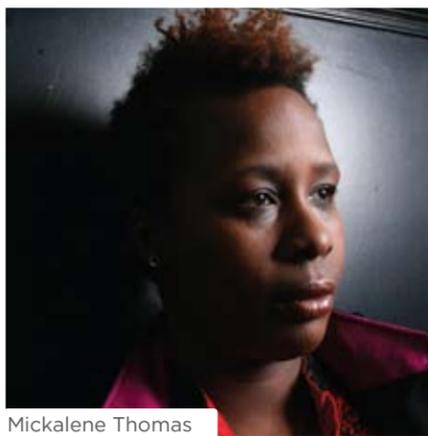
PRATT ANNOUNCES 2009 ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS



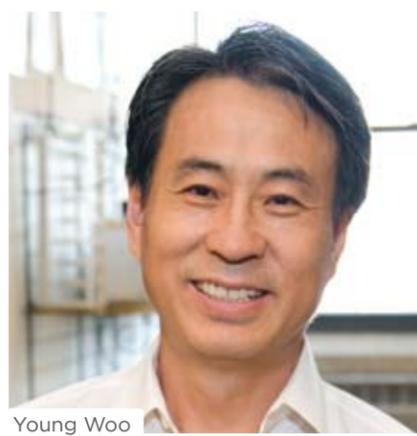
Michael Inman



Robert Sabuda



Mickalene Thomas



Young Woo

Pratt Institute is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2009 Alumni Achievement Award. Their successes pay tribute to the Institute's prestigious faculty and to the legacy of Charles Pratt, who lived by the motto: "Be true to your work and your work will be true to you." This year's honorees are:

MICHAEL INMAN M.L.S. '02, curator of rare books for The New York Public Library, administers the Rare Book Division, George Arents Collection, and Historic Children's Book Collection, among others. He also serves as a visiting professor at Pratt's School of Information and Library Science, teaching courses on printing history and special collections librarianship.

ROBERT SABUDA B.F.A. '87, twice a recipient of *The New York Times* Best Illustrated Book Award, is a children's book creator with over five million books in print, among them the *Encyclopedia Prehistorica* pop-up trilogy, co-created with Matthew Reinhart, M.I.D. '98. Sabuda, who initiated Pratt's paper engineering program, makes regular television appearances on *The Today Show*, *Good Morning America*, and *Martha Stewart*.

MICKALENE THOMAS B.F.A. '00, is best known for work that celebrates female beauty and power. In elaborate paintings composed of rhinestones, enamel, and acrylic, Thomas's critically acclaimed

work introduces a complex vision of what it means to be a woman and expands common definitions of beauty. Her work may be seen at the Brooklyn Museum and the Museum of Modern Art, among other venues.

YOUNG WOO B. Arch. '80, is founder and principal of Young Woo & Associates, LLC, developers of commercial, industrial, and technology real estate properties throughout the United States, Europe, and Asia. The firm played a leading role in the acquisition of the AIG headquarters building in lower Manhattan and recently was designated as the developer for the historic Pier 57.